

CLAIMS:

1. A method for identifying a first digital data sequence, comprising:
– calculating a first digital fingerprint based on at least part of the first sequence,
– comparing the first fingerprint with at least a second fingerprint associated with at least a
second digital data sequence,
5 – depending on a result of the comparison, comparing at least one digital watermark
associated with the respective first and second data sequences and thereby establishing an
identity of the first data sequence.

2. A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
10 – calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on
information contained in the first fingerprint.

3. A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
– calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on
15 information resulting from the comparison between the first fingerprint and the second
fingerprint.

4. A system for identifying a first digital data sequence, comprising means for:
– calculating a first digital fingerprint based on at least part of the first sequence,
20 – comparing the first fingerprint with at least a second fingerprint associated with at least a
second digital data sequence,
– depending on a result of the comparison, comparing at least one digital watermark
associated with the respective first and second data sequences and thereby establishing an
identity of the first data sequence.

25 5. A system according to claim 4, further comprising means for:
– calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on
information contained in the first fingerprint.

6. A system according to claim 4, further comprising means for:

- calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on information resulting from the comparison between the first fingerprint and the second fingerprint.

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7. A computer program including software instructions for controlling a computer to perform a method according to any one of claims 1-3.

8. A method for enabling identification of a first digital data sequence,
10 comprising:

- calculating a first digital fingerprint based on at least part of the first sequence,
- comparing the first fingerprint with at least a second fingerprint associated with at least a second digital data sequence,
- depending on a result of the comparison, storing at least one digital watermark associated with the first data sequence, thereby providing information enabling identification of the first data sequence.

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9. A method according to claim 8, further comprising:

- calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on information contained in the first fingerprint.

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10. A method according to claim 8, further comprising:

- calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on information resulting from the comparison between the first fingerprint and the second fingerprint.

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11. A system for enabling identification of a first digital data sequence, comprising means for:

- calculating a first digital fingerprint based on at least part of the first sequence,
- comparing the first fingerprint with at least a second fingerprint associated with at least a second digital data sequence,

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- depending on a result of the comparison, storing at least one digital watermark associated with the first data sequence, thereby providing information enabling identification of the first data sequence.

5 12. A system according to claim 11, further comprising means for:

- calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on information contained in the first fingerprint.

13. A system according to claim 11, further comprising means for:

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- calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on information resulting from the comparison between the first fingerprint and the second fingerprint.

14. A computer program including software instructions for controlling a
15 computer to perform a method according to any one of claims 8-10.